

***Remarks***

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-20 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 9, 13, and 15 being the independent claims.

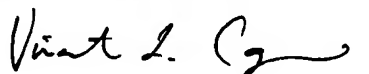
Support for the amendment to the specification may be found in the priority PCT Application No. PCT/EP04/06368, which published as WO 2004/112480. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments add no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

***Conclusion***

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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